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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Zou et al.

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Examiner: Karlheinz R. Skowronek

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For: PROBE CORRECTION FOR GENE EXPRESSION LEVEL DETECTION

AMENDMENT B

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated September 7, 2007, for which a shortened statutory period for reply expired on December 7, 2007. A three-month extension of the period for response up to and including March 7, 2008 is hereby requested. Please charge **\$1,050.00** for the large entity extension fee to Deposit Account No. **50-0426**. In addition, a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.183 is being submitted along with a Declaration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.31 to request waiver of the signature of three unavailable inventors. Please charge the amount of **\$400.00** to cover the fee for the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(f) to Deposit Account No. **50-0426**. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.